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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO NATO MINISTERIAL

1. PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING FIGURES: REAR ADMIRAL JOSE BAPTISTA PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO, JOAQUIM JORGE DE PINHO CAMPINOS, FERNANDO DE MAGALHAES CRUZ AND FRANCISCO MANUEL BALTAZAR MOITA.

2. ADMIRAL AZEVEDO IS ONE OF THREE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF ORIGINAL 7-MAN NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA NAMED AFTER APRIL 25 REVOLUTION. ALTHOUGH ACCUSED BY SOME OF BEING "LEFTIST" THAT DESCRIPTION IS DISCOUNTED AS RUBBISH BY OTHERS WHO KNOW HIM WELL. EMBASSY HAS NO HARD INFO ON HIS PAST OR PRESENT POLITICAL VIEWS. IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS VIEWS ARE MUCH THE SAME AS THOSE OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, WHO RECENTLY EMPHASIZED PORTUGAL'S NATO LINK BY VISITING NATO HEADQUARTERS AT NORFOLK DURING OCTOBER VISIT TO US. HE SERVED AS ACTING PRESIDENT DURING COSTA GOMES TRIP TO US IN NOVEMBER.

3. PROF. JORGE CAMPINOS WAS BROUGHT INTO FOREIGN MINISTRY BY SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES AND, HOLDING POST OF SECRETARY OF STATE, SERVES DIRECTLY UNDER HIM AS NUMBER TWO IN MINISTRY. WE HAVE FOUND CAMPINOS TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE, OPEN,

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VALUABLE CONTACT WHOSE OVERALL SYMPATHIES LIE CLEARLY IN FAVOR OF

MAINTAINING PORTUGAL'S STRONG TIES TO WEST. HE IS A SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER HIMSELF, AND AN EXPERT IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

4. AMBASSADOR MAGALHAES CRUZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, IS TOP RANKING CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH WHOM EMBASSY MAINTAINS CORDIAL AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONS.

5. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION OF NOTE ON FRANCISCO MOITA, WHO APPEARS TO BE "TECHNICIAN".
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